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By Federal Express

Honorable Paul A. Crotty United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., Room 735 New York, NY 10007

Re: Fein v. Chao, 07 Civ. 3312 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

I write respectfully on behalf of Elaine Chao, Secretary, United States Department of Labor (the "Government") to request a thirty-day extension of time to respond to plaintiff's complaint, from June 29, 2007 until July 30, 2007. The Government requests this additional time because we are in the process of reviewing and analyzing plaintiff's complaint, which raises sweeping class action allegations seeking locality-based payment adjustments for all individuals receiving payments pursuant to the Federal Employee's Compensation Act, 5 U.S.C. § 8101 et seq. We also require this additional time because of the press of business.

Plaintiff's counsel consents to the Government's request. This is the Government's first request for an extension of time to respond to plaintiff's complaint.

MEMO ENDORSED

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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